GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2710
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2016
Sugar Production
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of sugar has declined during the current financial year, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating the total production during each of last three years, State-wise;
(b) whether measures are proposed to be taken to remove the shortage of sugar in the market and to stabilise its prices;
(c) if so, the details thereof and the steps being taken by the Government to check the blackmarketing of sugar;
(d) whether the production of sugarcane has declined in Maharashtra which has affected the sugar industry; and
(e) the details thereof and corrective steps being taken in this regard including payment of compensation to the farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)
(a): The data on sugar production is maintained sugar season-wise which starts from 1st October and ends on 30th September of next year. During the current sugar season 2015-16 (October-September), the production of sugar has been estimated to be about 252 Lac Tons which is less as compared to last sugar season's production of 284.63 Lac Tons. The decline in sugar production is mainly due to less sugarcane production and its availability to sugar mills for crushing in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh. The State-wise, sugar production during last three sugar seasons is at Annexure.
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(b)&(c): With the carry over stock of 90 Lac Tons and estimated production of about 252 Lac Tons, the total availability of sugar would be more than estimated domestic demand of about 256 Lac Tons. As such, there is no shortage of sugar in the country. In recent past, certain quarters were indulging in speculative activities and holding their stock in anticipation of price rise. In order to stablise prices, the Central Government vide Notification dated 29th April, 2016 imposed stock holding and turn over limits on sugar traders. The Government is also inter-alia closely monitoring prices of sugar in the domestic market as well as sales by sugar mills.
(d)&(e): Yes, Madam. As per Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, the area, yield and production of sugarcane in the State of Maharashtra has reduced during current sugar season 2015-16 as compared to last season 2014-15 due to drought situation. This affected sugarcane availability to sugar mills for crushing. As such, 741.67 Lac Tons of sugarcane was available for crushing during current season 2015-16 as against 930.41 Lac Tons in last season. The Central Government provides assistance for development of sugarcane under various activities namely, Tissue Culture Seedlings, Breeder Seed Production, demonstration on intercropping and single bud chip technology, etc. There is no proposal for payment of compensation to the farmers.
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ANNEXURE
ANNEXTURE REFERRED TO REPLY TO PART (a) OF THE UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2710 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 10.05.2016 IN THE LOK SABHA
State-wise sugar production during last three sugar seasons i.e. 2012-13 to 2014-15
(Figures in Lac Tons)

STATE	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
Andhra Pradesh	9.84	6.75	5.65
Bihar	5.10	5.96	5.26
Chhattisgarh	0.49	0.68	0.65
Goa	0.10	0.12	0.11
Gujarat	11.30		

11.78
11.46
Haryana
5.10
5.37
5.73
Karnataka
34.43
41.60
49.89
Madhya Pradesh
2.08
3.51
4.08
Maharashtra
79.87
77.20
105.15
Orissa
0.64
0.60
0.43
Pondicherry
0.53
0.52
0.32
Punjab
4.38
4.73
5.36
Rajasthan
0.04
0.05
0.07
Tamil Nadu
19.32
14.18
12.56
Telangana
3.32
3.21
Uttarakhand
3.40
2.98
3.28
Uttar Pradesh
75.01
66.13
71.38
West Bengal
0.20
0.06
0.05
All India
251.83
245.54
284.63
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